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Railtown 1897 Celebrates 4th of July Extended Holiday with Live Music & Rides Behind Sierra No.3! *Special Holiday Activities Offered Four Days – July 4-7*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – The 4th of July extended holiday is a perfect time to visit Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) and enjoy memorable train rides behind the “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 while being entertained by festive live music performed by local musicians. Train rides behind Sierra No. 3 are available for four days – Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7, 2013. Live music will be provided on board the train by the talented Bill Schneiderman on July 4 & 5 and by local favorite Dave Rainwater on July 6 & 7. In addition, Park visitors will be entertained by live music on Saturday, July 6, from noon to 3 p.m. under the big ancient oak tree performed by the Starlight Serenaders Vintage Jazz.

Steam train ride passengers will be treated to a six-mile, 45-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad,” passing through California’s scenic Gold Country where scenes from many Hollywood movies were filmed. The historic locomotive departs on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. all four days of the extended holiday. Tickets for all holiday steam train excursion rides include Park admission and cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. Advance train ride tickets are available online or at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the train ride on a first-come, first-served basis depending on availability.

Guests are encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP by touring the Park and learning more about its authentic railroad facilities and fascinating role in the Hollywood and television industry. Also, guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn while enjoying the extended holiday.

Advance steam train ride tickets are available at www.railtown1897.org and more information about excursion train rides or Railtown 1897 SHP in general is available by calling 209-984-3953.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 10 through August 28, 2013 (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org